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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/526,932  
Applicants: Shundo HARADA, et al.  
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For: DRUM DRIER  
Group Art Unit: 3749  
Examiner: GRAVINI, STEPHEN MICHAEL

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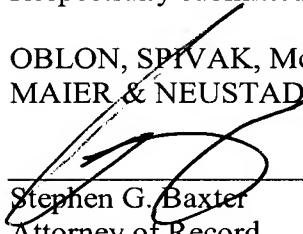
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reason for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of May 29, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 29, 2007, the first paragraph states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claimed invention with drums surrounded by cooling liquid splash and scatter preventing equipment above a portion of a liquid concentration section is not found in the prior art either singly or in combination.

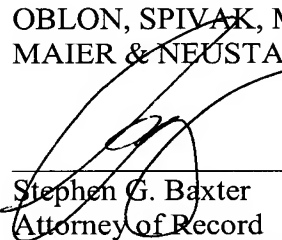
It is respectfully noted that none of Claims 1-8 and 21-29 recite drums "surrounded by" any structure, much less "drums surrounded by cooling liquid splash and scatter preventing equipment above a portion of a liquid concentration section" as quoted above.

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Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to any of Claims 1-8 and 21-29.

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**SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

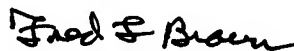
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Sir:

Applicant(s) submit herewith a Supplemental Application Data Sheet for the above-identified application for the purpose of correcting the inventors' cities of residence and their mailing addresses.

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